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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 42**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE AND THE CHARTER  
COMMISSION OF BERNALILLO COUNTY FORM A TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A  
STUDY TO EXAMINE THE EFFECTS OF THE UNIFICATION OF THE CITY OF  
ALBUQUERQUE AND BERNALILLO COUNTY ON THE AREA OF THE SANDIA  
MOUNTAINS IN BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE EAST  
MOUNTAINS.**

**WHEREAS, the east mountain area of Bernalillo county has  
a diverse community with an independent history, distinct  
culture and a rural lifestyle that may not be compatible with  
the goals and needs of an urban county government and its  
generally urban people; and**

**WHEREAS, the east mountain communities currently exist  
within the counties of Bernalillo, Santa Fe and Tarrant; and**

**WHEREAS, the current movement to unify the city of**

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1 Albuquerque and Bernalillo county may not sufficiently address  
2 the concerns of the residents of the east mountain area;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the city of  
5 Albuquerque and the charter commission of Bernalillo county be  
6 requested to form a task force to determine the impact of the  
7 unification of the city of Albuquerque and Bernalillo county on  
8 the rural way of life of the residents in the area known as the  
9 east mountains; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include  
11 community leaders from Edgewood, Tijeras, Cedar Crest,  
12 Moriarty, Albuquerque, Bernalillo county, Torrance county and  
13 Santa Fe county and that it conduct at least two town hall  
14 meetings in the east mountain area in order to obtain public  
15 input; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force examine the  
17 different options available to the residents of the east  
18 mountain area, including the feasibility of creating a separate  
19 east mountain county and other options presented to the task  
20 force by community leaders; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings of the task force  
22 be compiled in a report and presented to the city of  
23 Albuquerque, Bernalillo county and the legislature of New  
24 Mexico and be made available to the residents of the east  
25 mountain area; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the charter commission of Bernalillo county, the city of Albuquerque and Bernalillo county and be made available to the residents of the east mountain area.

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